

WHAT IT IS TO BE HUMAN IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

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All modern cultures have encountered the question what is to be human in a globalised world, because the traditional answers grounded on ethnocentric views are supposed not longer satisfy the era demands. The challenge of learning to be human was the topical issue of the XXIV World Congress of Philosophy in August 13-20, 2018 in Beijing. And Paul Healy, Australian philosopher, contended that a hermeneutically-informed dialogue model can help modern people to understand «*what it is to be human in a tightly interconnected, globalised world*» [Healy, 2018: 365]. He proposed the model where the West and the East are equally interested in a developing of a cosmopolitan humanism and are ready to learn clue advantages of each other. In spite of the advantages are seemed dichotomous («the West is typically portrayed as valorising individualism, anthropocentrism, mastery, selfcentredness, detached objectivity, and decontextualized reason» and the East «characterised as valorising interconnectedness, cosmocentrism, harmony, self-transcendence, benevolence, "heart-mindedness"... and wisdom» [Healy, 2018: 367]) they could be reappraised as mutually complementary through dynamic process of "familiarization" and "defamiliarization" «in an a potentially transformative "fusion of horizons"» [Healy, 2018: 368]. Healy pointed on six dichotomies where its "versus" should be fused for the sake of a balanced ideal global citizen: 1) the Eastern interconnectedness vs the Western individuation; 2) self-transcendence vs self-centredness; 3) cosmocentrism vs anthropocentrism; 4) harmony vs mastery; 5) benevolence vs self-interest; 6) wisdom vs reason [Healy, 2018: 370-371]. All of that are supposed the ideal cosmopolitan will have new kind of consciousness which let him more and more distrust his uniqueness in favor of more and more universal traits. It means globalization demands us to leave the circle of "the own" open to "the alien" on the equal rights without any equality warranty except mutual trust. And the big question is whether we have been ready for such level of trust yet? Which space to be different could be left without risqué to lose the trust?

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